

# FRIENDLY SOCIETIES (IRELAND).

## R E P O R T

OF THE

### REGISTRAR OF FRIENDLY SOCIETIES IN IRELAND.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 1873.

(Printed to the Order of the Registrar.)

THE Registrar, in his Report for 1872, having given a detailed list of all the Societies appearing on his books, and an Abstract of the Returns received, does not consider it necessary to set out in similar detail this year the information received from the Societies making returns.

In order to continue the list of Societies contained in the Index to his last Report, the Registrar now gives the names and places of meeting of the Societies certified by him during the past year, being 25 Sickness and Burial Societies, one Co-operative Society, and two Building Societies; namely,—

#### SICKNESS AND BURIAL SOCIETIES:

- Ardar District Labourers and Operatives Friendly Society.—Irish-street, Ards.—Registered, 24th June 1873.
- Belfast.—The Ulster Warp and Weft Benevolent Society, 65, Academy-street, Belfast.—Certified, 23rd August 1873.
- Belfast Ship Riggers, Boatmen, and Seamen's Friendly Burial Association, 110, Corporation-street, Belfast.—Certified, 5th November 1873.
- Cork.—St. Luke's Mutual Benefit Society, School Rooms, St. Luke's Church, Cork.—Certified, 7th February 1873.
- Cork.—Bakers' Benevolent Society, 21, Paul-street, Cork.—Certified, 30th November 1873.
- Dublin.—Erne Burial Society, 1, Little Erne-place.—Certified, 14th January 1873.
- Dundalk.—Erin's Hope, Court No. 5722, Foresters' Society, 60, Park-street, Dundalk.—Certified, 6th August 1873.
- Dublin Marine Stokers Friendly Society, 19, Commons-street.—Certified, 10th September 1873.
- Emmett (Robert) Tontine Society, 11, Augier-street.—Certified, 19th April 1873.
- Ennis.—Court Daniel O'Connell, No. 5780, Foresters' Society, Miss Cassidy's, Market-street, Ennis.—Certified, 10th September 1873.
- Flower of the Park Male and Female Mortality Society, 43, Montpelier-hill, Dublin.—Certified, 28th August 1873.
- Foresters, Horse Rule Court, No. 5789, Foresters' Society, 105, Thomas-street.—Certified, 4th December 1873.
- Gleedalongh Tontine Society, 9, Thomas-street, Dublin.—Certified, 8th February 1873.
- Glasneville.—St. Patrick Tontine Society, 64, Glasneville, county Dublin.—Certified, 18th August 1873.

- Galway.—Operative Bakers' Friendly Society, Mr. Butler's, Lombard-street, Galway.—Certified, 29th October 1873.
- Jerome, St., Burial Society, 9, Thomas-street.—Certified, 28th November 1873.
- Knight of Patrick's Tontine Society, 27, West Essex-street, Dublin.—Certified, 4th July 1873.
- Limerick.—Operative Pork Butchers and Bacon Curers, 1, John's-square, Limerick.—Certified, 31st January 1873.
- Maccusius, St., Burial Society, 47, Cuffe-street, Dublin.—Certified, 17th March 1873.
- Odd Fellows Loyal Treaty Commercial Lodge, No. 5729, 16, Patrick-street, Limerick.—Certified, 21st April 1873.
- Passage, West.—Shipwrights' Friendly Society, Mrs. Ellen Hegarty's, New Quay, Passage, West, County Cork.—Certified, 10th September 1873.
- Rope Makers (City of Dublin), Tontine, 105, Thomas-street.—Certified, 21st March 1873.
- Shepherd's, Sanctuary, Coad Mills Falline, No. 3948, 55, Bolton-street, Dublin.—Certified, 8th February 1873.
- Wexford.—Operative Bakers' Friendly Tontine Mortality Society, Patrick Culham's, Bride-street, Wexford.—Certified, 25th October 1873.
- Westmeath.—County Westmeath Operative Bakers' Friendly Society, Peter Smith's, Cross Keys, Mullingar.—Certified, 29th October 1873.

## CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY.

- Belfast Industrial Co-operative Society, Limited, 36, Apsley-street, Belfast.—Certified, 12th February 1873.

## BUILDING SOCIETIES.

- Londonderry.—Terminable Benefit Building Society, 3, London-street.—Certified, 4th June 1873.
- Irish Industrial Benefit Building Society, 4, Harmony-row, Dublin.—Certified, 31st October 1873.

He has also certified 33 amendments to the rules of Sickness and Burial Societies; four amendments to the rules of Building Societies, and amendments to the rules of four Loan Societies.

Five Societies have deposited their rules under the 44th section of 18 & 19 Vict. c. 63.

Two Societies were legally dissolved, and notice inserted in the "Dublin Gazette," namely, "The Dundalk Operative Masons and Bricklayers Friendly Brothers," meeting at Mrs. Smith's, Earl-street, Dundalk, and the Clonmel Plasterers Society, meeting at No. 4, Richmond-street, Clonmel.

And the Registrar received notice of the illegal dissolution of the following Societies:—

- Adam and Eve Society, 52, South Great George's-street, Dublin.—Registered, 11th June 1841.
- Clonmel.—Bakers' Society, Clonmel.—Registered, 15th November 1847.
- Grand Canal Insurance Society, James-street, Dublin.—Registered, 10th June 1873.
- Wexford National School Teachers' Society, Wexford.—Registered, 5th January 1872.
- Wexford Immaculate Conception Tontine Society, Wexford.—Registered, 19th October 1864.
- And, The Waterford and Central Ireland Railway Society.—Registered, 18th September 1872, is stated in the return received to have never been formed.

The Loyal Irish Legal Burial Society, meeting at 201, Agnes-street, Belfast, has given notice to the Registrar of its amalgamation with the Royal Liver Society of Liverpool, and affords an example of one of the difficulties caused by the present state of the law, which seems to allow a Society certified for Liverpool,

pool, with only a branch certified in Ireland for Dublin, to amalgamate with a Society certified for Belfast only.

This amalgamation seems also to illustrate the position of the members of the Royal Liver Society, to which attention has been called by the Royal Commissioners in their recent Reports, and by the Registrar.

The Loyal Irish Legal Burial Society has also been noticed by the Royal Commissioners, and it is therefore unnecessary to repeat its history here; but in its Return for 1872, it is stated to have had 8,298 members on the 31st December 1872, and to have had assets amounting to 7*l*. 7*s*. 9*d*. on that date. The Return for 1873 does not give the number of members on 31st December 1873, but gives the total income of the Society for that year as 791*l*. 13*s*. 4*d*., and the payments at death for 146 members, 675*l*. 18*s*. 5*d*., and expenses of management, 115*l*. 14*s*. 11*d*., leaving nothing in hand at the end of the year; and it states the amalgamation with the Royal Liver to have taken place on the 11th of April 1874. It may, however, be assumed that the number of members of all ages transferred to the Royal Liver, and entitled to burial benefit, exceeds 8,000, who appear to have been all taken into membership without 1*s*. of capital, and presumably without payment of any entrance fees.

The Registrar required that the terms of amalgamation should be passed as if they were an amendment to the Rules of both societies, and also that it should be determined by which of the certified Rules the members of the Loyal Irish Legal Burial Society should be governed in future, but this has not been done, and he is, therefore, unable to state the terms of amalgamation.

The Registrar has received a return from the Royal Liver Society, but, as usual, it does not give any information respecting its Irish Branch, except that it has to its credit in the Dublin Savings Bank 138*l*. 8*s*. 11*d*. The total income of the society for 1873 is stated to exceed 205,000*l*., and the expenses of management are nearly 75,000*l*.; the balance sheet shows a "general balance" in favour of the society of 377,162*l*.

The return does not state the number of members in this society, nor the amounts for which they are assured, and this "general balance" may represent 20*s*. in the *l*. on the liabilities of the society, or not the same number of pence.

The number of returns received by the Registrar from Sickness and Burial Societies is 322, showing a total number of members, 37,698. Gross receipts for 1873, 62,312*l*. 16*s*. 11*d*.; payments to members for sickness benefit, 8,097*l*. 12*s*. 2*d*., and for burial 11,315*l*. 3*s*. 11*d*.; expenses of management, 10,539*l*. 16*s*. 7*d*., and amount divided (among the members of dividing societies), 12,604*l*. 10*s*. 4*d*., and balance to credit of the societies on 31st December 1873, 26,408*l*. 11*s*. Thirty-seven Loan Societies make returns having 2,631 members; 34 of them show a total capital of 56,291*l*. Only 33 state their gross income for 1873, which amounts to 6,673*l*.; their expenses of management to 1,166*l*. Interest paid to the members, 5,277*l*. Total sums lent out in 1873, 119,823*l*., and loans outstanding on 31st December 1873, 32,174*l*.

One of these returns, that from the St. Thomas Loan Fund, 9, Lower Sheriff-street, Dublin, is totally unintelligible.

The Registrar has received returns from 13 Building Societies, which do not all give the same details. In nine there is a total of 3,139 members. The capital of the entire is 324,161*l*.; seven of them hold on deposit 109,305*l*. and have paid in interest for the year thereof, 4,560*l*.; 10 of them state their gross income for 1873, amounting to 29,383*l*. In 12 the expenses of management are given, and amount to 3,698*l*., and they had outstanding in loans on 31st December, 430,331*l*. Eleven state the amount divided among their members at 17,410*l*.

Six Annuity Societies make returns and have 495 members with a capital of 138,855*l*.; gross income for 1873, 9,828*l*.; expenses of management, 610*l*.; number of annuitants receiving benefit, 395, to whom 8,455*l*. was paid during the year, and total cash uninvested on 31st December, 742*l*.

The proceedings mentioned by the Registrar in his last Report as being pending against the Distressed Literary Teachers' Society have, as he is informed, been abandoned, and the society intends to register new rules. This society has not made any return.

The Royal Irish Constabulary Officers' Widows' Society is being wound up

in Chancery, under an Order of the Master of the Rolls, and it seems probable that the entire funds will ultimately be divided among the annuitants.

The Registrar hopes that the legislation which has recently been deferred will next Session result in some measures for the protection of the members of Friendly Societies, more especially in those societies the enormous size of which renders any supervision by the members themselves practically impossible.

31 July 1874.

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